

**PUBLIC ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 375**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 696**

**By Representative Sherry Jones**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 414**

**By Senator Womack**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to veterinary technicians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-103(2), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety, by adding the following language as new subdivisions (2) and (3), and by appropriately renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(2) "Veterinary technician" means a person who is a graduate of a veterinary technology program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association;

(3) "Licensed veterinary technician" means a person who has successfully completed the examination requirements prescribed by the board and has been issued a license;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-103(11), is amended by deleting the word "unlicensed".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-104(b), is amended by deleting the words "licensed animal technician" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technician".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-104(e), is amended by deleting the words "licensed animal technicians" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technicians".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-135(a), is amended by deleting the words "animal technicians" and by substituting instead the words "veterinary technicians" and is further amended by deleting the words "licensed animal technicians" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technicians".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-141(c), is amended by deleting the words "licensed animal technician" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technician".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-135(c), is amended by deleting the words "animal technicians" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technicians".

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SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-138(c) is amended by deleting the words "licensed animal health technicians" and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technicians".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-135(b), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Any licensed veterinarian may assign to a licensed veterinary technician regularly employed by the veterinarian any task or procedure to be performed for which the veterinarian exercises direct supervision and full responsibility except those procedures requiring professional judgment or skill as prescribed by board rule.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-135(d), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

It is a Class B misdemeanor for any person to use in connection with the person's name any designation intending to imply that the person is a veterinary technician or a licensed veterinary technician unless the person meets the requirements contained in this chapter.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-135(e), is amended by deleting the words "licensed animal technician" wherever they appear and by substituting instead the words "licensed veterinary technician".

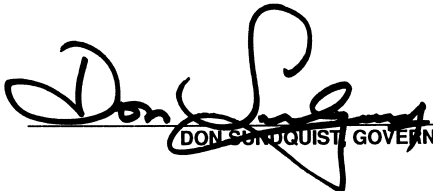
SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 27, 1999**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR